

Application No. 10/637,081

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are in the case. No claims have been allowed.  
Claim 17 has been amended by this action.

In the claims, claim 17 was submitted in error as depending upon claim 1. Claim 17 has been amended by this preliminary amendment to correctly depend upon claim 15. This amendment does not add new matter.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully solicited.  
Consideration and allowance of this application are also earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Jean-Paul A. Nasser, Attorney for Applicant, at 401-832-4736 if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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